

# Population of the Straits Settlements and Malay Peninsula during the last Century

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I have collected in the annexed tables statistics of the population according to race and sex for the Colony, and according to sex for the Malay States.

So far as the Colony is concerned the figures are probably accurate from 1871 onwards. Before that date the censuses were taken by the police at somewhat irregular intervals and are not very reliable.

Between 1822 and 1836 the figures have been derived from Mr. Newbold's "British Settlements in the Straits of Malacca." From 1836 to 1860 I have been unable to get many figures, and from that date they are taken from the Census Reports. With regard to the Federated Malay States, no reliable data are to be procured previous to 1891, and for the other Protected States the Census Returns for 1911 are the first of any practical importance.

It may however be of interest to add here the following estimate of the population of the States of the Peninsula in the years 1835-1836 given by Mr. Newbold in the work quoted above.

Perak	...	...	...	35,000
Selangor	...	...	...	12,000
Rembau	...	...	...	9,000
Sungei Ujong	...	...	...	3,600
Johol	...	...	...	3,080
Jempol	...	...	...	2,000
Jelebu	...	...	...	2,000
Sri Menanti	...	...	...	8,000
Pahang	...	...	...	40,000
Johore	...	...	...	25,000
Kedah & Ligor	...	...	...	50,000
Kelantan	...	...	...	50,000
Trengganu	...	...	...	30,000
Kemamam	...	...	...	1,000
Patani	...	...	...	10,000
Aborigines	...	...	...	9,000

## Straits Settlements.

RACE.	1856		1860		1871						1881		1891								
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Persons.	Males.	Females.						
Chinese ...	104,615	87,327	17,288	174,327	143,605	30,722	222,969	179,235	43,734	5,772	2,763	3,009	6,904	3,335	3,569	6,951	3,353	3,638	1,253		
Eur Asians ...	2,429	1,848	581	3,483	2,803	680	4,422	3,169	1,253	33,390	25,526	7,864	41,268	31,264	10,004	52,637	39,547	13,090	103,890		
Indians ...	159,453	81,356	78,097	194,042	98,677	95,365	210,387	106,497	103,890	2,438	1,613	825	3,360	2,003	1,357	3,653	1,899	1,754	...		
Malays ...	248,000	274,222	308,097	200,433	107,664	423,384	281,687	141,697	501,059	333,700	167,359	706	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Others ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	248,000	274,222	308,097	200,433	107,664	423,384	281,687	141,697	501,059	333,700	167,359	706	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Floating ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	...

\* Included with the general population.



## Settlement of Singapore.

RACE.	1824	1825	1826	1827	1828	1829	1830			1832		
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Chinese ...	3,317	3,828	4,279	6,088	6,210	7,575	6,555	6,021	534	7,762	7,149	613
Eurasians ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	21	8	94	67	27
Europeans ...	74	84	111	87	108	122	92	73	19	105	83	22
Indians ...	830	1,048	1,195	1,209	1,582	2,167	2,258	1,973	285	2,365	2,058	307
Malays ...	6,431	6,872	7,285	6,299	6,943	7,744	7,640	4,072	3,568	9,286	4,874	4,412
Others ...	31	19	37	42	42	56	60	53	7	103	93	10
Total ...	10,683	11,851	12,907	13,725	14,885	17,664	16,634	12,213	4,421	19,715	14,324	5,391



Settlement of Singapore (continued.)

RACE.	1871			1881			1891			1901		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Chinese ...	54,572	47,104	7,468	72,571	14,195	118,418	96,959	21,459	156,964	123,311	33,653	2,106
Eurasians ..	2,164	1,063	1,101	3,094	1,509	1,585	3,557	1,732	1,825	4,080	1,974	1,210
Europeans ...	1,946	1,528	418	2,769	2,207	562	3,500	2,594	906	3,387	2,177	3,478
Indians ..	11,501	9,533	1,968	12,138	9,674	2,464	15,618	12,536	3,082	17,251	13,773	16,153
Malays ...	26,141	14,610	11,531	33,012	18,542	14,470	35,417	20,122	15,295	35,982	19,829	1,398
Others ...	787	510	277	1,429	920	509	1,743	923	820	2,680	1,282	57,998
Total ...	97,111	74,348	22,763	139,208	105,423	33,785	178,253	134,866	43,387	220,344	162,346	10,462
Floating ...	*			*			6,864	6,753	111	10,501	39	

\* Included with the general population.

## Settlement of Singapore (continued.)

RACE.	1911		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Chinese ...	222,655	164,172	58,483
Eurasians ..	4,712	2,273	2,439
Europeans ...	5,803	4,166	1,637
Indians ...	27,990	23,244	4,746
Malays ..	46,952	25,133	21,819
Others ...	3,873	1,902	1,971
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>311,985</b>	<b>220,890</b>	<b>91,095</b>
Floating ...	5,864	5,661	203

## Settlement of Penang.

RACE.	1822	1826	1828	1831	1833	1835	1860	1871		
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Chinese ...					11,150			36,561	30,347	6,214
Eurasians ...					} 789			1,383	644	739
Europeans ...								433	289	144
Indians ...					12,995			18,611	14,047	4,564
Malays ...					59,045			75,216	38,170	37,046
Others ...					1,396			1,026	652	374
Total ...	51,207	55,116	60,551	77,160	85,375	86,009	124,772	133,230	84,149	49,081
Floating ...	*	*	*	*	900	*	*	*		

\* Included with the general population.



Settlement of Penang (continued.)

RACE.	1881		1891		1901		1911	
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Persons.	Females.	Persons.	Males.
Chinese	67,820	55,313	12,507	86,637	68,287	18,350	98,019	73,376
Eurasians	1,597	751	846	1,692	814	878	1,948	929
Europeans	674	565	109	809	509	300	1,043	606
Indians	27,239	20,442	6,797	35,382	25,817	9,565	38,122	26,986
Malays	91,970	46,417	45,553	104,940	52,673	52,267	105,693	52,715
Others	1,297	717	580	1,764	901	863	2,983	1,781
Total	190,597	124,205	66,392	231,224	149,001	82,223	247,808	156,393
Floating	*			4,394†	3,883	511	1,609	1,557
						52	1,271	1,220

\* Included with the general population. † Including Military Police and Wayfarers.

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## Settlement of Malacca.

RACE.	1826	1827	1829	1833	1834	1835	1836	1860	1871		
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Chinese ...	4,125	5,200	4,797	4,764	4,143	4,613	4,102	10,039	13,482	9,876	3,606
Eurasians ...	} 2,236*	} 2,690*	} 2,078*	} 1,921*	} 1,799*	} 2,227*	} 2,389*	} 2,848	2,225	1,056	1,169
Europeans ...									50	31	19
Indians ...	2,337	2,470	2,830	2,797	2,403	2,960	3,241	1,637	3,278	1,946	1,332
Malays ...	16,121	21,081	20,122	18,816	20,825	21,927	21,789	53,724	58,096	28,576	29,520
Others ...	...	...	72	160	90	181	304	410	625	451	174
Total ...	24,819	31,441†	29,899	28,458	29,260	31,908	31,825	68,658	77,756	41,936	35,820
District of Naning ...	3,686	...	4,593	4,671	5,079	5,329	5,881				
Grand Total	28,505	31,441	34,492	33,129	34,339	37,237	37,706				

\* Includes all Christians.

† Probably includes population of Naning

Settlement of Malacca (continued.)

RACE.	1881		1891		1901		1911					
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.				
Chinese ...	19,741	15,721	4,020	17,914	13,989	3,925	19,224	14,826	4,398	35,450	29,364	6,086
Eurastians ...	2,213	1,075	1,138	1,742	807	935	1,595	751	844	1,586	739	847
Europeans ...	40	31	9	113	66	47	54	36	18	303	221	82
Indians ...	1,891	1,148	743	1,637	1,194	443	1,272	921	351	7,500	6,012	1,488
Malays ...	69,060	33,718	35,342	70,030	33,702	36,328	72,863	34,515	38,348	78,813	38,332	40,481
Others ...	634	366	268	146	75	71	92	50	42	429	215	214
Total ...	93,579	52,059	41,520	91,582	49,833	41,749	95,100	51,099	44,001	124,081	74,883	49,198
Floating ...	*			588	504	84	439	421	18	871	793	78

\* Included with the general population.

## Malay States.

STATES.	1879			1891			1901			1911		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Perak ...	81,084	50,658	30,426	214,254	156,408	57,846	329,665	239,556	90,109	494,057	344,238	149,819
Selangor {	97,106*			81,592	67,051	14,541	168,789	136,823	31,966	294,035	220,939	73,096
46,568†												
N. Sembilan				41,617	23,327	18,290	96,028	64,565	31,463	130,199	87,651	42,548
Pahang ...				57,462			84,113	46,746	35,970	118,708	72,234	46,474
Johore ...										180,412	122,129	58,283
Kedah ...										245,986	137,139	108,847
Kelantan ...										286,751	144,319	142,432
Perlis ...										32,746	16,808	15,938
Trengganu ...										154,073	76,153	77,920

\* Census of 1887.

† Census of 1884.